

**WASHINGTON, DC**— Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that, after conferring with Navy officials, a new agreement will generate \$16.6 million in additional maintenance and repair work for Electric Boat (EB) at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va. The additional work protects the jobs of many EB workers who were given layoff notices earlier this year.

"In this fragile economic recovery, protecting every job is critical," **said Congressman Courtney**. "By working with EB management, union leadership and Admiral Kevin McCoy, commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, we have succeeded in protecting hundreds of workers who, just a few short months ago, faced an uncertain future. We still have a long road ahead, but with doubled submarine production finally a reality and design work well underway on the OHIO replacement, this is a good start. I will continue to work with EB labor and management and Navy officials to find the work we need to save more jobs."

Under the terms of the contract, Electric Boat will provide about 100 skilled trades workers to perform maintenance and repair work on USS Truman (CVN-75) and USS George W. Bush (CVN-77). Compared to EB's November 2010 staffing outlook, approximately 250 jobs have been saved to date with additional maintenance and repair work.

"This extra work is critical to maintaining the base of highly skilled production workers at Electric Boat because it helps to offset some of the impact from several large submarine maintenance and modernization jobs that recently finished or are close to completion," **said Kevin J. Poitras, Senior Vice President of General Dynamics Electric Boat for Engineering, Design and Business Development**. "So far this year the work that Congressman Courtney has secured for EB at the naval shipyards has saved hundreds of jobs, and allowed the company to at least postpone layoffs for hundreds more."

Working together, Congressman Courtney, EB management and Admiral McCoy have succeeded in mitigating layoffs on the waterfront, most recently in the round that was announced in July. Additionally, Congressman Courtney has met and conferred with Admiral McCoy several times in 2011 to pursue this additional work for EB.

Congressman Courtney is the sole member of the Connecticut Congressional delegation to sit

on the House Armed Services Committee. He is a member of the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the U.S. Navy.